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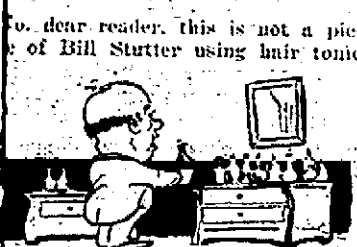
## MER ROUGE VICTIMS BROKEN ON DEATH WHEEL

### SHORT STORIES

Acts With Frills, Factions and Otherwise.  
By "S. S."

ay day again today.

Dear reader, this is not a piece of Bill Stutter using hair tonic.



Travis Lambert growing a mustache.

County and state tax collector here today.

Oh, for the life of a shoe sales! And why not? This is a



he sketched by our artist in the department at Hodge's.

or, rain and sunshine—Port Arthur has had 'em all today.

DAILY SHIP SCORE: In Port Arthur, 10; at Beaumont, 4.

December oil shipments increase the November shipments from 1,000,000 to 1,200,000 barrels.

and costs swelled the city's treasury \$22,000.15 during 1922, Chief of Police J. J. Word reports.

Merchants seeking a parking place for a new time moving the new police safety zone, markers.

Merchants' pinches, with chain, were worn to commission meeting Friday afternoon by V. Wistner, city attorney.

his picture was drawn to represent the inauguration of a new club the life of our community. It is known as "The Gimlet Club."

Gimlet club gets its name from



bird who is always just out of reach of cigarettes and has the "gimlet" habit down to a fine point.

you a member?

### FIRE-BUGS HELD

Oklahoma Town Swept by \$200,000 Blaze

WILSON, Okla., Jan. 6.—Two men were being held in jail here today in connection with a \$250,000 blaze which swept a block in the heart of the business section at 2 a.m.

The men, Ray Rogers and Dock Connel, will be charged with incendiarism, it was said. Arresting officers said Rogers was intoxicated and had burns on his hands and face when arrested.

Twelve business establishments were destroyed. Three brick buildings, one housing the City National bank, were the only ones in the block saved.

WELYN NESBIT ILL OF PLURO-PNEUMONIA

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Jan. 6.—Welyn Nesbit, former wife of Harry K. Thaw, who shot Stanford White on the roof of Madison Square garden on June 25, 1906, is critically ill of double pneumonia in a private hospital here. Only her son, Russell, permitted to see her.

### STIN BOY KILLED, FATHER HURT, IN CRASH

AUSTIN, TEXAS, Jan. 6.—Chas. E. Tyler, 15, was killed and his father, W. Tyler, of Austin, was injured when the automobile in which they were riding overturned on the Lockhart road, near Lockhart, today.

Lockhart reports here.

### UNSETTLED

WEATHER: Tonight and Sunday unsettled.

LOCAL: Tonight and Sunday unsettled.

TEXAS: Tonight, partly cloudy; warmer except in the northeast. Sunday, unsettled; cooler in northeast and southwest.

INDS ON TEXAS COAST: Moderate to fresh southerly.

### SS. SUCARESCO PULLS ANCHOR

Big Transmarine Freighter Takes Lumber Cargo

SAILS AT 3 O'CLOCK

Will Complete Round Trip of New Coastwise Service

"Service over the Transmarine Corporation lines will be on a scheduled time regardless of cargo," declared J. L. Boyd, manager, in speaking of the activities of the rapidly developing company this morning.

Mr. Boyd's assertions came during a conversation concerning the departure of the "Sucareco," a freighter which leaves Port Arthur this afternoon at 3 o'clock laden with lumber bound for the north.

Schedule Here Jan. 12.

The Transmarine Corporation sailings both northbound and southbound will be on Saturdays, according to the local manager. The next steamer over the organization's route leaves Newark, N. J., and is scheduled to arrive here January 8 or 9. It is the bound for Port Arthur, and will take its cargo before January 12 in order to depart on that date.

The first steamer to sail over the Transmarine line left Newark, N. J., Saturday, December 16, and it is the plan of the new organization to conduct sailings on every second Saturday thereafter from that port.

No Lighter Charges.

Detailed information of the corporation is outlined in the corporation's bulletin, which follows:

"At Port Newark oak wharves are served by the Atlantic Port Railway, which makes direct delivery of all lots of 12,000 pounds, or more to ships, eliminating extra handling, and delays as no lighterage is involved.

"The Atlantic Port Railway has direct track connection with the Central railroad of New Jersey, Lehigh Valley railroad, and Pennsylvania railroad, thus affording through service to and from all interior points.

At Port Arthur steamers will load and discharge (terminals of the Transmarine Corporation) delivery of cargo.

"We are prepared to quote rates between all points, and upon receipt of request copy of tariff will be mailed as soon as same is received from printers."

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### Mrs. Knox's Bond Reduced to \$5,000

#### WAR GAS FOR MOONSHINERS

Pro Officers Plan Coup on Swamp Brewers

PATHS ARE 'MINED'

Ambushes Result in Heroic Methods Near Corsicana

CORSICANA, Texas, Jan. 6.—War against entrenched moonshiners, in which the most modern implements of battle will be used, was planned here today by prohibition enforcers.

Upon his return from Dallas, where he announced he had gained permission to use poison gas to drive illicit distillers from their stronghold in the Porters' Bluff vicinity, George E. Webb, head of forces in this section, and other officers began mapping out plans of war.

Attacks Fail

Eight attacks by dry raiders, in which two liquor runners were killed and several wounded, have failed to drive the moonshiners from their stronghold situated in a dense swamp near Porters' Bluff. Each time a fire from rifles of the distillers drove back the raiders before they could "clean up" the stronghold.

Word recently reached Webb, he said, that the narrow paths leading through dense undergrowth to the "hoochies" had been planted in explosives to be set off at a signal of the outpost. Webb then devised the idea of using poison gas to "smoke out" the liquor violators.

10,000 Gallons Poured

As a result of the raids already made on the outskirts of the swamp lands, six huge stills have been wrecked and 10,000 gallons of moonshine curd have been poured into the muddy waters of the Trinity river. But at night, the flicker of dim lights amid the dense tangle of cypress and gum trees tells officers that the white moonshiners are still in their stills.

It is believed Webb will surround the section with prohibition officers, armed with machine guns and then pump the poison gas into the swamps, forcing the law-breakers to emerge and surrender.

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### Adams Pits Capt. Steele's Silvery Locks in Marts vs. Blondes; Result \$1.80

Barber Shop Episode Is Made Capital on Street-Proving Theory Anyone Can Make Money Here

A grizzled sea captain with locks of gray.

Put blondes and brunettes at odds today.

When a well-known man of money and means.

With a few of his locks got kale for his job.

Coffee Club Salads.

Anyone can make money in Port Arthur.

All theories to the contrary were scouted forever today by John H. Adams, who proved to the world that this is a port where every man can find a "haven of rest" and incidentally, gather in the shekels.

Captain R. D. Steele needed a hair cut. His silvery locks had grown to an extent where Roy Stump said the barbers thought he was "boycenting" them.

He took a seat in the tonsorial chair and had just complacently reposed himself for the task when Mr. Adams entered.

Whether the color of the captain's silvery locks attracted Adams, or whether he was interested in scouping Ole Man Gloom to advance his own true theory is conjecture. But, Adams secured a few of the captain's locks of hair as they fell to the floor, played them securely in an envelope and departed.

A few minutes later he was promouncing Procter street and other well-known byways in the city of Port Arthur, assessing business men something on this order:

"Gimme a dime and take one of these."

All of which resulted in the well-known resident raising \$1.80 from silvery locks in the space of a few minutes.

"Anyone can make money in Port Arthur," Adams declared as he completed his task and displayed his receipts.

This in the round of Theory versus Ole Man Gloom, the latter was ignominiously vanquished forever in Port Arthur.

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### HUGHEN NAMED RED CROSS HEAD

New Directors Hold First Meet in New Hut

T. W. Hughen was re-elected chairman of the 1923 board of directors of the local Red Cross for his third year during a meeting of the organization held yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock in the new headquarters, corner of Fifth and Dallas streets.

The meeting was the first of the newly elected directors, and likewise the first to be held in the recently completed Red Cross hut—the culmination of a dream of years.

Other officers elected during the conference included Mrs. W. N. Reynolds as secretary and W. L. Withersall treasurer.

Name Several Committees.

Only part of the standing committees for the year 1923 were named during the meeting, chairman of these committees having been selected also. Among these were Mrs. A. L. Humphreys, heading the nursing committee; Mrs. J. C. Reynolds heading the case committee; and Dr. A. M. McAlister as chairman of the finance committee.

It was agreed that the formal opening of the hut will be held January 17, at which time representatives of practically every organization in the city will be invited to attend the celebration and inspect the new structure where Red Cross work will be housed and conducted in the future.

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## Churches

### ADVENTURES OF THE TWINS PHIL'S WINTER REST

By Olive Roberts Burton



"Then stick out your tongue!" smiled Dusty Coat.

Mike Mole sat at his front door just across from Munch Mouse's house, in the basement of Maple Tree Flats. Mike was lonely and sad. As he said, he hadn't seen a living soul hardly since checky Jack Frost came around. Chris Crow and old Ounce Owl were about the only ones and they knew: "Mike said he would rather see a good case of eczema come his way than either of them. Mike couldn't see so very well out in the daylight, but he knew 'by his' scratchy 'cave' and Oscar's hollow 'hoat' that his enemies were looking around looking for him. But this was the least of Mike's troubles. His little twin was at home, and he was not alone. He had gone down ten feet under the ground at the first sign of Jack Frost, and stayed there. Mike was a good digger, but ten feet—how could he have hands like steam shovels to go that far? "Well, I guess winter has come to stay," said Mike. "Who's talking to himself?" asked a voice. "It was Nancey and Nick followed by Dusty Coat, the little dwarf sandman.

song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic," brief sermon, "Jesus, The Great Teacher," Dr. William Oeschger, song, "True Hearted, Whole Hearted."

**FIRST M. E. CHURCH SOUTH** (826 Fifth) V. A. Goble and R. C. Goons, pastors. Sunday school at 9:30 a. m. Ramsey class meets at 9:30 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by V. A. Goble, theme, "Glorious In The Cross."

Preaching at 7:30 p. m. by R. C. Goons, theme, "The Gospel Challenge To This Age." Intermediate Epworth league meets at 6:15 p. m. Senior league meets at 6:30 p. m. Quarterly conference, Tuesday at 7:30 p. m., conducted by Rev. W. W. Watts. This session of the conference is very important. All members of the official board and as many members of the church as possible should be present.

Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. The religious and social value of this service is of a high order. You will not find a dull minute in it, and a warm welcome awaits you. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper will follow each service Sunday and we invite Christians who have no church home to take part in this service. Methodists in the city who are not connected with the church here are invited to place their membership with us at once.

The general public is invited to all services. All seats free.

**EPISCOPAL** Fifth and Stillwell Boulevard, L. H. Finkbe, rector. Next Sunday celebration next Sunday at 7:30 p. m.

Sunday school, 9:15 a. m. Service has special feature next Sunday at 11 o'clock. Young Peoples Service League meets every Sunday evening 6:30. Evening services and sermon, 7:30.

**FIRST BAPTIST** C. W. Culp, pastor. Help us start the New Year off right by attending the following services: Sunday school, 9:30 a. m. The men's Bible class will meet in the top floor, the Junior department and the Family class will meet in the basement.

The following will be the program for the Sunday night service: Song, "The Church In The Wilderness," reading and prayer; song, "The Call For Reformation," offered by Miss Lois Jacobs; "When The Gates," by Mrs. Joseph F. King; life service talk, "Teaching As A Life Service," Superintendent G. M. Sorensen.

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## JUDGE CALLS A BLUFF, WINS CAR

Owner Claimed it Couldn't Make 40; Makes 45

CHICAGO, Jan. 6.—Hyman Miller, arrested for speeding, put up the old, shrewd claim that his machine could not make forty miles an hour. The policemen who arrested him said he was traveling forty miles an hour, changing the five of all in his path. "It can't be done!" roared Hyman and his father. "We will give the bus to anyone who can get forty miles an hour out of her." "Come on," said Judge Schwab, preaching for his hat and overcoat. "I can drive a car a little and we will see what your boat can do." Hyman and his father, a policeman and the judge piled into the car and the judge took the wheel and stepped on the gas. Half an hour later they came back. The speedometer showed forty-five miles an hour, so Hyman lost his car and the judge slapped a fine of \$50 and costs on him.

## Women's Styles Lead To Disease of Chest, Says British Doctor

LONDON, Jan. 6.—"I have more women patients than men in the chest hospital where I work, because women make themselves susceptible to colds by wearing unhygienic clothing at the dictation of fashion." This statement was made by Dr. Alexander, a specialist in pulmonary disease, in a lecture at the Institute of Hygiene. "The low-necked dress may be suitable in the summer," continued Dr. Alexander, "but in the autumn and early winter it is dangerous. A woman may often be seen facing the sun, tempted by the sunshine, and feeling warm in its glow. Meanwhile, the north-west wind is stabbing her in the back. "No one would expose the kidneys. The lung is more vulnerable and more dangerous, yet fashion decries that it must be exposed by the low-necked dress."

## N. Y. County Hangs Its First Man in History

WATERLOO, N. Y., Jan. 6.—Seven county historians, delving into records of the county, have dug up a record for other counties of the various states to shoot at. In the history of Seneca just one man has been hanged for murder. He was Charles Johnson, who went to his death on a scaffold erected in the jail yard here in 1887. Johnson was convicted of the murder of a jail turnkey. He had been incarcerated for a petty crime.

## AUTO IN FUNERAL DIVES DOWN MOUNTAIN SIDE

MARTIN, Ohio, Jan. 6.—While climbing Mt. Zion hill near here, a car in a funeral party took a long slide back down the steep grade when the engine went "dead" and the driver lost control. The car party was piled up in a creek at the foot of the hill. No one was killed.

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## MARINE AND SHIPPING NOTES

**ARRIVED JAN. 6.** Vessel, Flag, Tonnage, Agent. Jalisco, 1,558, (Mex.), to the Beaumont Forwarding company, from Vera Cruz. Azaworld, 5,018, to W. H. Richardson from Baltimore. Grove, (Italian), 2,011, to the Texas Company, from Spezia. Occidental, 5,008, to the Texas Company, from Baltimore.

**SAILED JAN. 6.** Suez, 2,174, for New York with general cargo, J. L. Boyd, Agent. Jayan Arrow, 7,176, from Beaumont for Sabine to finish oil cargo, Magnolia Petroleum company.

**IN PORT ARTHUR JAN. 6.** Azaworld, 5,018, to W. H. Richardson from Baltimore. Grove, (Italian), 2,011, to the Texas Company, from Spezia. Occidental, 5,008, to the Texas Company, from Baltimore.

**MAITIME MISCELLANY.** The British steamer Orient City arriving Friday from New York with cargo in transit is loading case oil at the Texas Company dock for Australia.

The shipping board tanker Huma, which had been in Sabine river at anchor with the tide shipping board fleet has been reloaded at Galveston dry docks and left that port Wednesday.

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## Baby Licks Pen; Ambulance Called; Mother Recovers

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—A wild appeal from Mrs. Florence Millet brought the ambulance on the run. "My baby has swallowed a bottle of ink!"

Dang! Dang! (Ambulance responding on two wheels.)

Attendant rushes up the front steps to find Mrs. Millet in hysterics and 30-month-old Junior with the inside of his mouth as black as a "bredded" Boston bull.

Dang! Dang! Back to the hospital. Emergency treatment. Relief!

Baby Millet hadn't swallowed any ink after all. He was just licking his pen, getting it good and clean, so he could write to dad. The medical staff revived Mrs. Millet, instead, who had fainted from relief.

The Standard Oil company tank steamer Shenandoah arrived Friday from Port Lohos with a cargo of Mexican crude, and the company tanker Lighthouse departed with a cargo of refinery products for Bayamon.

The Standard Oil company tank steamer China Arrow, which loaded part cargo in the Neches river and finished at Sabine, was reported out of the latter port Jan. 4 for Providence.

A movement is on foot at Orange to organize a forwarding company in the interest of port business. The matter is being handled through the Chamber of Commerce of that city.

**Girl, 3, Killed by Truck** As She Runs to Street To Meet Her Sister, 6

DALLAS, Texas, Jan. 6.—Running out into the street to meet her six-year-old sister who was returning home from school, little Virginia Holen, 3 years old, was struck by a truck and killed here yesterday.

Virginia was the second child of Mr. and Mrs. George W. Holen to meet a violent death. Several years ago her brother ate poison that had been put out for rats.

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## Letter Delivered Years After Sender Is Dead

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 6.—Frank Dougherty, chief clerk of the Fairmount park commission, in looking over his mail found a letter mailed in Avalon, Calif., on June 11, 1905, by Hugh Fagan, once a newspaper man in that city, who died several years ago. The letter announced the arrival of Avalon in the of the writer, who was a friend of Dougherty. The post mark shows that it was received at the Philadelphia post office on June 17, 1905.

## TELEGRAPH LINE IS TIED UP BY MUDHOLE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 6.—Wire trouble was reported recently on one of the main railroad telegraph lines between San Francisco and the north and east. A "trouble shooter" was dispatched to locate the trouble. On arriving at Cymus, a station just east of Port Costa, Calif., the line man discovered that a mudhole had become entangled in the lines and in its attempts to free itself had crossed the wires, thus tying up the service. The mudhole, released, flew away.

## Stop That Itching

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## WHY BE MERCIFUL?

President Obregon of Mexico has requested amnesty be granted to all rebel prisoners, including those already sentenced and those awaiting trial. He sent the bill to the Chamber of Deputies and urged immediate passage of the measure. Wholesale pardons or all revolutionists against the central government are provided for in the measure.

Obregon was a gallant soldier before he became president of Mexico. He is opposed to bloodshed but he may be making a mistake. Michael Collins was merciful. He wished to grant full pardon to all rebels against the Free State government. He was kind hearted and opposed to bloodshed.

What was his reward? He was murdered by a rebel assassin. Obregon may go the same way. William Cosgrave became president of the Irish Free State. He appealed to these rebels against the government to lay down their arms and assist the people of Ireland in their work of creating a stable government. They scorned his appeal. They murdered the agents of the Free State government. They applied the torch to historic buildings.

They destroyed railways and ditched trains. They were red terrorists. Then President Cosgrave announced a new policy. He ordered the terrorists court martialled and shot. They threatened to get him. This did not deter the iron-nerved Cosgrave or cause him to change his plan.

He had offered the olive branch of peace. This had been rejected. His iron handed policy will win in the long run. It may cost him his life, but if so a man will take his place who will carry on. There are men in every land who are as mad as March hares. They have them in Ireland. They have them in Mexico. They have them in every land under the sun.

There must be law and order or there can be no security of life or property. Kerensky became the dictator of Russia. He was merciful and mild mannered. Then the reds whom he had protected upset his government and ran him out of the country. If he had shot the reds in the beginning neither Lenin nor Trotsky would have ever obtained control of the Russian government to welcome oppressors of the Russian people.

## BUTLER CONFIRMED

Pierce Butler of Minnesota is an associate justice of the supreme court of the United States. He will qualify and take his place on the bench January 2, 1923, after the holiday recess has ended. Sixty-one senators voted for confirmation; eight voted to reject the nomination.

The eight dissenters were equally divided politically speaking. There were four so-called republican radicals and four conservative democrats from southern states.

This is the list. La Follette of Wisconsin; Norris of Nebraska; Brookhart of Iowa; Norbeck of South Dakota; George of Georgia; Trammell of Florida; Shepherd of Texas and Heflin of Alabama.

Now there is another vacancy caused by the resignation of Justice Pitney of New Jersey and the president will name a republican for this place.

The four radical republicans voted against the confirmation of Butler for the reason they said that he was one of the noted corporation lawyers of the country and a stickler for the constitution.

La Follette and his three fellow senators from the West favor taking away the power of the supreme court to nullify or declare unconstitutional laws enacted by congress.

The four southern democratic senators did not make known the source of the cause of their opposition to the confirmation of Butler, who had been endorsed for the place by Chief Justice Taft and whose ablest champions Senators Nelson and Kellogg were the representatives in the senate of the state where Butler was born and where he has resided for fifty-six years.

There is only one southern man of the supreme bench. It was different when Woodrow Wilson was president. It may be different at some subsequent period of the history of America and the south.

## WHERE THE PEOPLE ARE POOR

France is said to be facing bankruptcy and all because Germany will not pay indemnity. France is said to be facing extinction because the death rate is much higher than the birth rate. France is said to be poverty stricken and all on account of the recent war.

This did not prevent the sale or the drinking of 50,000 quarts of golden champagne in the cafes of the city of Paris on Christmas eve. This does not include the thousands of bottles of champagne that were opened in the homes of Paris or the hotels. There must have been thousands of Americans in the French capital on Christmas eve. Paris was a wide open town and the gay revelers did not go home until morning.

Think of the sights that Dr. Atticus Wohl would have witnessed had he been over there as an eye-witness gathering material for copy for the columns of his newspaper Home and State. There must be many sinful as well as thirsty men and women in this gay capital of France.

All the wool stored at Del Rio has been sold to Boston buyers at a 40c guarantee. There is no reason why the Texas sheep man should "holer" this year. He isn't poverty stricken.

Dallas bandits robbed Dallas poker players of \$2,000 in cash and a diamond ring. A fair exchange constitutes no robbery.

## Good Evening Folks!

Still, oil and water mix about as well as oil and altruism.

The Turks won't enjoy hell much. There are no Christian minorities there.

In case of argument, one man cusses louder and the other is in the right.

Progress is just a slow business of finding men who have no respect for precedent.

If the brain doesn't entirely fill the skull, all available parking space is used by prejudices.

The fool driver watching a fair pedestrian's ankle should remember the warning, "Dangerous curve ahead."

The chief difference between town and country is that in the country you put on another record instead of clapping for an encore.

Fortunately, however, the way of the transgressor isn't a one-way street.

Demobilizing won't bring peace and tranquility unless the people also demob.

Even if she doesn't catch much of a man, she puts on lordly airs before her unmarried sisters.

The only proper place for a middleman is between the devil and the deep blue sea.

The question is merely this: Shall America sell her surplus to Europe or send it in relief ships?

Some children honor their parents, however, and are careful never to take them to naughty movies.

It may be a mere coincidence that the newspaper portrait of the deceased's widow always wears a care-free smile.

If the candidate can't make people think him a wonder, he can win out by making them think him a martyr.

The accord between Turkey and Russia reminds us of the reason men love darkness rather than light.

Some unfortunate men speak their last words and are led to the scaffold, and others as they are led to the altar.

Woman spends half her life wondering how to catch a man and the other half wondering what to have for dinner.

An optimist is one who expects a Sunday school attendance tomorrow equal to that of two weeks ago.

## C-O-M-M-E-N-T

Dr. Royal S. Copeland is the democratic senator from New York. He was elected by a tremendous majority. He has named Chesley W. Jurney as his private secretary. Jurney is a Texan and there are thousands of Texas democrats who are happy over his good luck. He served Charles A. Culberson as private secretary for a period of twenty-four years and he is one of the best informed men in the political circles of America. Tammany is in the saddle in New York. Senator Copeland is the friend of William Randolph Hearst and the Tammanyites and Governor Al Smith are all powerful. Senator Copeland may be the democratic nominee for president in 1924. He knows what he is doing.

It goes without saying that the dead year was kind to Texas. The cotton crop alone placed three hundred and fifty billion dollars in the channels of trade. This enabled the farmers to pay the merchants and the bankers. This enabled them to make the retail merchants enjoy the most prosperous holiday season since the signing of the armistice. Texas is getting on the right side of the ledger. Texas is facing a year of wide prosperity. These are the signs of the times. According to the closing statement issued by the Federal Reserve Bank financial conditions are very favorable. There is plenty of cheap money to be had by those who have the collateral and the Texas bankers consider the business outlook very flattering.

Holiday business in Chicago and the entire west was unusually good. Sales were 25 per cent in excess of 1921 among the leading retailers of the territory named. Mail order houses reported 35 per cent more business than in 1921. Corn prices on the farm were 20c a bushel above 1921. Some of the signs of the times are very encouraging, so why grumble?

Former Governor Nathan L. Miller of New York is said to have declined the vacant place on the supreme court bench. He is promised a practice which will net him \$250,000 a year. Now it is said that Chief Justice Robert Von Moschizker of the Pennsylvania supreme court will be selected for the Pitney vacancy by President Harding. What's in a name? This Pennsylvania jurist is said to be one of the foremost constitutional lawyers of America and a jurist of the highest rank. Regardless of this the average man will stumble when he attempts to pronounce the name and yet the forebears of his owners settled in this country more than 200 years ago.

This isn't a hard old world. The General Electric Company has announced an extra payment to employees five years in its service receiving \$1,000 a year or less. That is, a bonus equaling 5 per cent on earnings for the six months ending December 1 will be paid to each employee receiving \$4,000 or less per year who has completed five years of continuous service. All the lucky ones are to be paid in one year 7 per cent investment bonds. There are employers who believe the worthy and efficient laborer is worthy of his hire.

## THE MISTAKES OF THE KAISER

By RENE VIVIANI

Premier of France When the War Broke Out  
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WILLIAM CHERISHED THOUGHT OF WAR

On July 28, the Kaiser, who had returned from his cruise to Norway the 24th or 27th, came face to face with the Serbian answer, which had been transmitted to him already by telegraph, like the news of all the happenings, hour by hour, while he was on his cruise. He did not expect that this answer would be so conciliatory, and he wrote to Herr von Jagow: "Having read over the Serbian answer, which I received this morning, I am convinced that the desire of the Danube monarch (Austria-Hungary) on the whole satisfied. These reservations which Serbia makes on certain points can, in my estimation, be arranged through negotiations. Anyhow, the humblest sort of capitulation is proclaimed 'arbi et orbi' and hence, every reason for war vanishes."

All is well. Why did he not make this opinion of his finite, and above all, why did it remain hidden, secreted in the hands of Herr von Jagow, who never alluded to it and who did not avail himself of it for bringing to bear counsels of moderation upon Austria, which, at that moment, anyhow, were absolutely necessary? How is it to be explained that, after this opinion had been emitted, Austria still had remained free to continue its belated policy? How is it to be explained that, after this war can have been declared against Serbia?

Here is the explanation: Emperor William could not bring himself to give up the idea of war, cherished by him for many years, aroused in his brain on the fifth of July, and preserving itself to him, of course, in the radiant glow of an easy victory. Actually, he could not let his miserable prey go—so he wrote, in this very same document, the following:

What Kaiser Thought  
"At all events, there is no reason for attributing to this piece of paper (the Serbian answer) and to its contents anything but a limited importance, so long as it remains unratified by the Danube monarch. The Serbs are Orientals and consequently, if they, as I believe, are not sincere in their employment of dilatory measures. Before these lovely promises can become truth and reality, a 'gentle violence' must be exerted. This might be accomplished as follows: Austria might occupy Belgrade as surety for the carrying out of the promises, and continue to occupy it until her demands have been actually met. This is also necessary for satisfying the honor of an army which has been uselessly mobilized for the third time. Naturally, there is at present no longer any reason for war, but a guarantee that the promises are to be carried out is necessary. This might be obtained by a temporary occupation of part of Serbia. The action would be similar to that in 1871, when we left troops in France until the milliards were paid."

Is this not outrageous? What more could insatiable Austria want beyond almost total occupation of an innocent country which, by its moderation, was making itself deserving of glory in the annals of history, since it was acting in the interests of peace? But the Kaiser understood that the Serbian answer would embolden Austria in keeping up her brutal course, that nations would hesitate, that they would be aroused to unite with each other, since, in such an event, not one of them would be safe from the colossal But—will the Kaiser assume the responsibility of moderation and take upon his shoulders the detestable burden of peace? Not he. Rather will he assume the burden of war. Notwithstanding, since, in spite of all history keeps with, likewise the conscience of humanity; since these last longer than crime and the profit from crime; since even the most daring murderer constantly fears a ray of light that may disclose his misdeeds; since, in short, there will always be responsibility to be borne even beyond the tomb—should it not be well, in view of all this, to avoid the responsibility and lead it upon Russia?

At once Emperor William submits his idea to Herr von Bethmann-Hollweg, and the latter, under date of July 28, 1914 (German Documents of 1914, No. 222), sends the following dispatch to the German ambassador at Vienna:

Responsibility Put on Russia  
The answer of the Serbian government to the Austrian ultimatum shows that Serbia has satisfied Austrian demands to such an extent that an absolutely uncompromising attitude on the part of the Austrian government would justify the belief that public opinion throughout Europe would become increasingly hostile to the said government. Therefore, the government finds itself placed in a position of considerable difficulty. It remains liable, during the interval, to receive proposals for mediation and discussion from other governments. Should it continue to reject such proposals it will eventually have to bear the odium of having been responsible for a European war, even in the eyes of the German people. With such a basis, one cannot start and conduct a successful war on three fronts. It is absolutely necessary that if the conflict should spread so as to include those powers not directly involved, Russia shall be the one to bear responsibility. The occupation of Serbia would be similar to German occupation of France, after the Peace of Frankfurt, for assuring the war indemnities. Just as soon as Austria's terms are met, evacuation should be carried out.

So, at a moment when all might have been saved, when the world would have sufficed, the hand rears that the hand writes; it orates, substitutes blood for ink! Never did Austria receive one piece of imperial advice in favor of peace; on the contrary, in that very same despatch (No. 222), still fearing that the German ambassador in Austria might push the Austrian government a little too much toward moderation, Herr von Bethmann wrote to the said ambassador: "You must carefully avoid

giving the impression that we wish to restrain Austria."

What Really Happened  
However, since truth always demands her rights—let us declare what happened: The Serbian answer, which struck the whole world with its moderation, made the Kaiser and his chancellor draw back for a moment from the preparations of war, which had been decided upon it will be recalled, in the course of the 5th of July. The two exchanged ideas tending toward moderation, kept these to themselves, modestly obtained them, declaring that, despite all, Serbia must expiate her crimes before any war in which she was bound to be beaten—as France did after the war of 1870, after the treaty of Frankfurt. And as it was foreseen that the situation created by the Serbian answer was such, even at Vienna, that the German ambassador might be influenced to shape his actions according to it—it will be remembered that it was this ambassador who had been rebuked a few days before for his moderation—care was taken to tell him to hold his tongue and give no advice to Austria to act prudently.

It is not sufficient, in seeking to explain these self-contradictory moves to adduce weakness of the will to do wrong followed by a renewed action. There was something in these moves, there was such a lesson of desire for war, formed there as a result of years—almost centuries—of education, as a result of vanity and arrogance, of contempt for the right, that the idea of war, even when it wavered under the influence of good, invariably regained the upper hand.

So much for the psychological side. There was also something else, less mysterious in character—information of a military nature to which the German emperor, the commander, the war lord, naturally yielded.

The Kaiser's letter to von Jagow, mentioned above, was dated July 28. Undoubtedly it was received by him to whom it was addressed on that day or the day following. But Herr von Jagow also received and stamped with his stamp, on the 28th of July, dated the 29th, from the German general staff, placed first in the hands of the chancellor, who naturally passed it along.

This report, which was rather long, was an indictment to war, an examination of the political reasons which made it necessary in conjunction with the military reasons which ought to hasten its coming.

After having taken up the situation brought about by the invasion of Serbia and the countermove of the war, the German general staff elucidated its views as follows:

"What are and should be the consequences? Austria should she invade Serbia, would find herself confronted not only by the Serbian army, but by very superior Russian forces. Therefore, she cannot make war against Russia, and she cannot make war against Russia in taking a hand, which is tantamount to saying that she will be obliged also to mobilize the other half of her army, since it is impossible for her to place herself at the mercy of a Russia prepared for war. But, from the very moment that Austria intervenes in the war, Russia becomes mobilized her whole army, a clash is inevitable. And that would confront Germany with the 'versus' leaders."

How Reckless Words and Deeds? Even assuming that this military view were well founded one cannot explain, even in the case of military men, decisions of war, why no attention was paid on that day to the Serbian reply and why the line of reasoning adopted, on July 28, was exactly as if Serbia had refused to give any sort of satisfaction. What additional reason would have been taken if Serbia, instead of answering as she did, had taken up arms? And how are we to reconcile the words of the Kaiser and even those of his chancellor, declaring that "the Serbian answer eliminates all reason for war" with the murderous incitement to war, which, concealed under technical terms, was contained in that message from the German general staff?

As a matter of fact, one may well understand what had occurred.

Tired of the delays of Austria and at those of the Kaiser, the corps of German generals deemed it time for them to appear upon the scene. Now had the right been given, the report quoted above would have covered the German general staff and given it the chance to accuse the German government later on of having betrayed the cause of Germany. It uncovered the responsibility of the Kaiser and the German chancellor, for it is a threat, made without disguise, which would affect upon international politics; it was something calculated to arouse a dynastic fear, in the breast of a Kaiser already warned by the Zahren affair of the risk run even by him if he dared, no matter how timidly, the rights of civilians against the violent passions of infuriated army officers. It was a trumpet-call. And those who sounded it might well rest assured that the call would be heard.

That is what occurred at Berlin when the Serbian reply was received. Soon we shall take up the attitude of Austria. But—what was being done, during these hours, by the premiers of the allied countries and the countries friendly to them? If it is possible to find in the whole length of history a more striking contrast between zeal for condonation and feverish lust for war, I ask to be allowed to see it.

Even before Serbia had answered, even before I had received the substance of the ultimatum, I had, from the remote waters of the Gulf of Bothnia, recommended moderation to Austria, through our ambassador at Vienna, and had endeavored, through Sir Edward Grey, to institute steps tending toward peace, viz: the securing of an extension of the time-limit of international investigation by means of a meeting between representatives of the four nations interested in maintaining order (England, Germany, Italy, France).

France, England, Italy, and in addition, Russia, took action having the same end in view. But the extension of the time-limit was refused without any reason. (Orange Book, No. 12). It expired on the 25th and Austria broke off diplomatic relations with Serbia. There now remained the possibility of a four-cornered conference, Austria and Russia being excluded. This was proposed by Sir Edward Grey (Blue Book No. 17, No. 24, etc.). France, which had taken the initiative in the felicitous idea of bringing about intervention immediately gave her adherence to this proposal, Italy also, Russia with eagerness.

Thus there was the possibility of a meeting at which two representatives of the triple alliance and two delegates of the triple entente might possibly smooth out all difficulties, allay the danger of war, calm the nerves of Europe, and, as the seconds do in the case of a dispute between individuals, claim a rule of equity.

What answer could be given to this? Basically, nothing. But, first, recourse was had to a pretext: "Austria cannot be held before a European tribunal." (Blue Book, No. 22). It was Herr von Jagow who raked up that bitterly retort to the British ambassador. Subsequently, refuge was taken in absolute refusal. It was Austria, encouraged by Germany, who refused.

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(Austrian Red Book, No. 23.) There, then, we have the criminals captured in broad daylight. It has been of no use to them to falsify their public documents by omitting highly important dispatches. Why they wish to omit them is plain. But when Germany is told that her government incited Europe, prevented peace, thwarted all attempts at discussion, and is responsible for the war, what can she answer, assuming she is honest?

There are no documents proving more conclusively that Germany voluntarily threw open the way of leading to massacre.

So Germany and Austria, in accordance with a criminal compact, refused the proposal of Sir Edward Grey for a discussion in which four nations were to take part.

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## Co-Eds Pledge Selves To Observe "Hygiene Month" at University

AUSTIN, Texas, Jan. 6.—Most of the co-eds at the University of Texas who are working for a letter in athletics this year have pledged themselves to observe "hygiene month" in order to obtain athletic credit. In making the letter award, a point system is followed by which credit is given for various forms of athletic training done by women students under the auspices of the Woman's Athletic association.

By observing "hygiene month" the girls pledge themselves to eat three regular meals a day and nothing before or after meals except milk, fruits or malted milk. Other requirements are at least an hour's exercise a day, a daily bath and shower, and eight hours sleep six nights a week. At the end of the month, if the candidate is able to state on her honor that she has not violated any of the rules, 50 points are placed opposite her name on the athletic record.

## SHIRINERS ELECT

ELGIN, Texas, Jan. 6.—The Elgin High Shrine Club elected the following officers for the new year: S. T. Campbell, president; W. E. Buff, first vice-president; P. J. Schwartz, second vice-president; V. E. Carlson, secretary and treasurer. It was decided to hold the annual reception and banquet for members, their families and friends in the near future and a committee was appointed to arrange details.

## DEPUTY ASSUMES DUTIES

CUERO, Texas, Jan. 6.—City Marshal J. M. Moser has resigned his position here and accepted appointment under Sheriff Gus Lenz as first deputy and jailer. He has entered upon his new duties and will reside at the jail.

## GINNING REPORTS COMPARED

VICTORIA, Texas, Jan. 6.—According to the report of the census bureau just issued, there were 20,023 bales of cotton ginned in Victoria county prior to Dec. 13, 1922, compared with 3,965 bales ginned prior to that date last year.

## The One-Man Woman

## A STARTLING FIND

By Ruth Agnes Eoking

BEHIN HERE TODAY  
KATE AND JUSTIN, HER MOTHER,  
WAS FOUND DEAD, RETURNED TO LIVE  
WITH HER WIDOWER FATHER,  
CHRISTIAN ALICE. ALICE, ASSURING  
THAT DAN WAS THE FATHER OF HER  
CHILD.

LOUISVILLE, Then followed news that Dorothy was in. Kate visited Alice at the home of her sister, SING LOU, with whom the latter lived, and was attracted to a woman named Alice said the could had been sent, out on going, was assured there was no such patient. Alice at home, Kate sat waiting in the evening with her father until their evening.

Alice, showed signs that he wanted them to follow him. He was a man with a story. Monks led on through a meadow, across an open stream, toward the road which paralleled the Wabasha river. It was a road much shaded by trees, dark, and with high embankments on either side.

Kate and Justin followed at an easy pace. As they moved along they talked of Alice of Dorothy, of the trickery connected with the child's illness, of how she were all at all, and of the visitations of the voice in the night.

Monks turned occasionally as he trotted along to make sure that the two people behind him were coming. At length the dog disappeared in a gulley which skirted a small hill and a extended quite to the road. He began a slow bay.

"He's baying something," Justin quickened his pace as he spoke.

"The dog's call continued."

Kate and Justin broke into a run, stumbling at a sudden rise in the ground and increasing their speed automatically on a slope. When they reached the top of the slope they stopped and tried to peer in the darkness. They had brought no light.

Natural shadows of evening were deepened by the thick growth on the sides of the hill, the gulley. They had only the voice of the dog to direct them.

"Let me go down—down you wait here," Justin was seeking a foothold in the slanting ground.

"No," Kate's tone was firm. "I'll go. If anything is wrong you will need me anyway."

She started. "Then give me your hand and let me know these hills better."

Suddenly Monks' hand went before her. A sound of cracking twigs came from the darkness below. Kate's hand, Justin's, clenched. The two stood still, waiting.

The cracking sound was coming toward them. "Something brushed Kate's skirt."

"Monks," she cried. The dog had returned, but headed immediately toward the downward slope again. Tail straight, head erect, he stalked. Kate kept a hand on his collar. Occasionally when her feet were uncertain, she bore heavily on the dog. At such times he stiffened his neck and back, giving her better support. His steps were sure.

At length the trio reached the flat ground. Kate released Monks, who walked just a little ahead for a short distance and then stopped with a low whine.

Kate and Justin could barely make out the outlines of his body, his head hanging low. They heard the soft tapping of his tongue against another surface.

Cautiously they approached. Justin's hand on the dog's head, and then touched something cold and damp. His fingers traced the surface—they had touched and discovered the outline of a human face.

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## NOBODY HOME

BY BERKTON BRLEY  
In matters intellectual she's some-  
what intellectual.  
She's more or less a dumb-bell, as it were.  
Her talk is sheer vanity, her head is full of vanity.  
And yet you like to run around with her.  
Her cookery's deplorable, but, oh, her smile's adorable.  
And there's a wondrous magic in her

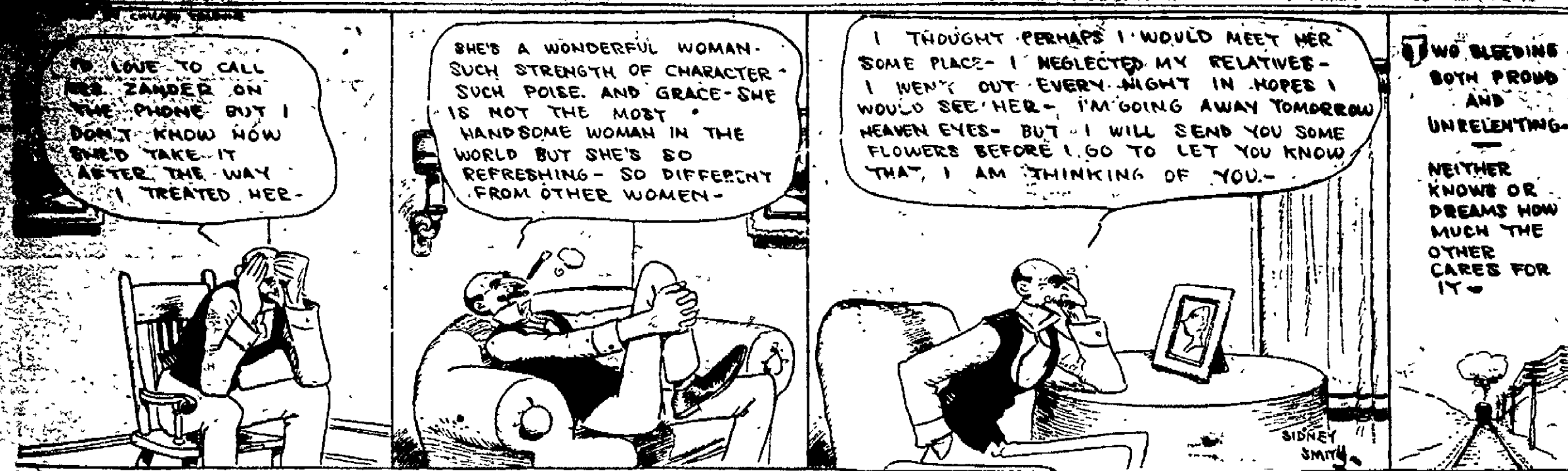






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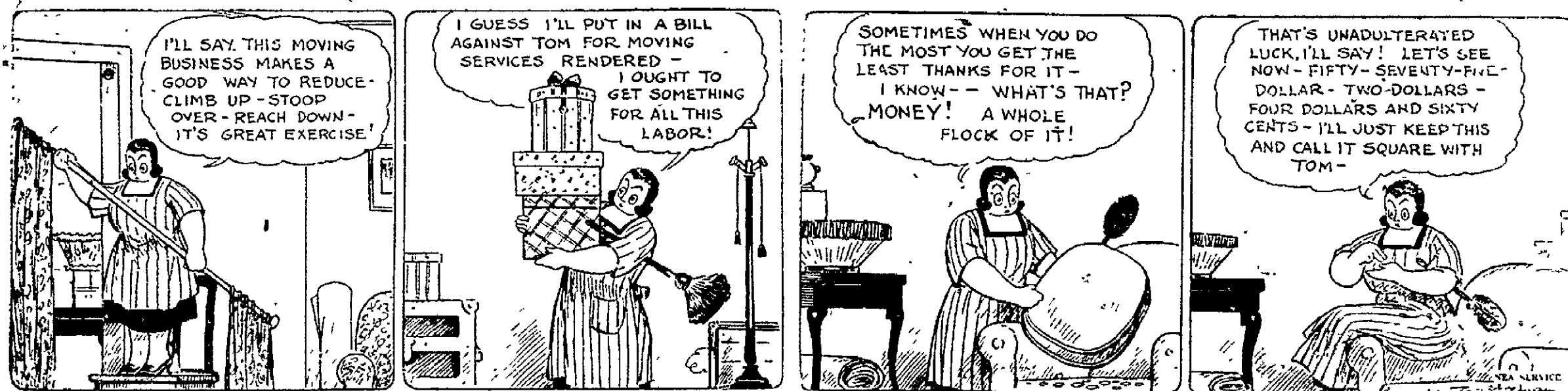
If You But Know



## DOINGS OF THE DUFFS—

Finders Keepers

—By Allman



## FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS—

Ought to Be Easy

BY SWAN



## SALESMAN SAM—

Mistaken Identity

BY BLOSSER



## THE OLD HOME TOWN

BY STANLEY

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

BY AHERN



## Triumphs of M. Jonquille

by MELVILLE DAVISSON POST

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"THE MAN WITH STEEL FINGERS"

M. JONQUILLE, greatest of French detectives, was wheeled into the presence of the strange and fascinating Lord Winton.

LORD VALLEYS, the English-Serb who had just inherited the title and estate of his murdered uncle, Lord Winton.

Three lives had stood between the Lord Valleys and the wealth of his uncle. But both of Lord Winton's sons were killed in the great war. Only one, who married an American, left an heir and this heir, a daughter, was barred by English law from inheritance.

Then came the murder of Lord Winton and the inheritance of the estate by the strange, powerful and mores Lord Valleys.

Go on With the Story

CHAPTER II

"The murder of Lord Winton, the wise English authorities attributed to me," Lord Valleys continued coolly.

"They spared no effort to fix it upon me. That they were unable to do so is not, I think, attributable to this thing which you call Providence."

"It is attributable rather, I think, to the intelligence of my legal counsel and to myself."

He looked directly at Monsieur Jonquille. His big, placid face lifted, his voice was even and unbroken.

"I am not embarrassed to discuss it, monsieur," he continued. "When the war had ended with the death of Lord Winton's sons, I was, by virtue of what you have so aptly called 'the accident of birth,' in a position to the title. I thought it both advisable and courteous to present myself to Lord Winton, and I went to England for that purpose."

"Lord Winton was an eccentric person. As he grew older, and after the death of his sons, his eccentricity became more dominant. I did not find him on his estates at Ravenscroft; he was at that time in London in a little old house which the family has always owned in a street toward Covent Garden."

"On the night that I called to see Lord Winton, it was quite late. I found him alone in the house. He seemed disturbed to see me, but he was courteous, and I cannot complain of his welcome. He seemed however, not to realize that I had grown into a man. He seemed to regard me as a queer, foreign lad to whom he owed some obligation of hospitality."

"Lord Valleys stopped. He leaned a little forward in the chair, and his voice took on a firmer note."

"Monsieur," he said, "I am saying to you now a thing to which I testified at the English trial, and which was not believed. Lord Winton told me that he expected a person to call on him within a very few minutes and to remain for perhaps an hour. He asked me to return at the end of an hour I got up to go. As I went down the stairway, a handson, entering the street from the direction of the city, stopped before the door. The door was closed but the sound was clearly audible."

"Lord Winton, who was behind me, came also down the steps. On a console in the hall were several candles which the servants, according to custom, had placed there. An idea came to Lord Winton, for he stopped me as my hand was on the door to go out. He took up one of the candles in a tall brass candlestick, and touched me on the arm, handed it to me."

"Instead of going out," he said, "suppose you go down into the wine-cellar. There should be some bottles of Burgundy of a famous year stored there by your grandfather. See if you can find them, and we shall have a glass of wine with our talk. I have a great deal to say to you, my nephew. The wine will sustain us."

"You will see, monsieur, that this idea that I was merely a grown-up lad, came to visit an ancient relative, was quite fixed with Lord Winton. As the servants had gone out, he was sending me, as though I were a lad from Elton, to find the wine for our conversation. He gave me the key, a direction about the steps and doors. He even said there was a box of biscuits on the dining-room table which I should bring up. It was all, you see, monsieur, quite as though I were an undergraduate from some English public school."

"The man looked down at his firm, placid hands resting upon and obscuring the arms of the chair in which he sat."

"This, monsieur," he said, "is a portion of my evidence which the English criminal court refused to believe. It was incredibly stupid!"

Monsieur Jonquille looked up sharply at that sentence.

"The English criminal court," he said, "was even more stupid than you imagine. It was, as you have said, incredibly stupid."

Lord Valleys made no comment.

"There was only my word for the statement," he said. "I could not prove it, and yet it was the truth."

The man was startled by Monsieur Jonquille's reply.

"One knew that, although one would have been troubled to describe the evidence. It is precisely the truth," said Monsieur Jonquille.

Lord Valleys looked steadily at the Prefect for a moment before he spoke. "I regret, monsieur," he said, "that you were not present in that English court."

"The man looked down again at his wonderful hands, steel strong, and as supple as silk; he then went on:

"It happened, however, that this chance, which you question in human affairs, came to my aid. One of the Metropolitan police on duty on that night in the neighborhood of Covent

Garden saw a handson drive away from Lord Winton's door. The time, as nearly as could be fixed, corresponded with the hour which I had indicated in my testimony. And for the first time in the course of the criminal trial, the case for the Crown was shaken. Neither my solicitors nor the Crown were able to discover anything further. The driver of the handson could not be located, and the one who called that night upon Lord Winton remained a mystery."

Lord Valleys continued to speak deliberately and without emotion.

"I do not know who this person with whom Lord Winton had a midnight appointment, could have been, and I do not know what occurred at that mysterious conference, except that the result, the result, which was afterward known to everyone."

"I took the candle which Lord Winton gave me and went along the hall to the stairway, which descended into the basement of the house. I had in my hand the key to the wine-cellar."

"The last I saw of Lord Winton in his life was his tall, bowed back as he stooped to open the door. His hand on the latch. He seemed a sort of heavy shadow outlined against the door in the dim light of the gas-jet that burned feebly, lighting the hall behind him."

He made a vague gesture, lifting one of his hands softly from the arm of the chair.

"Here, monsieur, chance or my intelligence failed me. If I had examined a moment—if, in fact, I had looked back as I went down the stairway at the end of the hall, I should have seen Lord Winton's assassin."

The Prefect of Police made no comment, and Lord Valleys continued:

"After some little difficulty, I finally found the door to the wine-cellar, opened it and entered. It was very old—one of those huge stone cells which the early English built in their houses in which to store the choice wines of France."

"It seemed to me that this wine-cellar had not been entered in a long time. I was mistaken in this impression. Fortunately for me, it had, from time to time, been looked into by Lord Winton's manservant. I have said 'fortunately,' because this manservant, Staley, was able to confirm my statement."

"The whole of the low vault was cluttered with straw, piled and heaped with it, like a farmer's rick. It was this aspect of the place that gave me the impression that it had not been entered for a long time. And it was true it had not been disturbed for a long time. The walls and the floor of this cellar were stone; the ceiling was of wood crossed with beams dried out like tinder, and the bins, as I have said, were heaped with the straw in which innumerable wine cases had been packed."

"Lord Winton had described the wine which he wished so that I could not mistake it. But he was not certain in which bin it was to be found, and I had to make a search of very nearly the whole of the cellar. This did not disturb me, for Lord Winton had fixed an hour as the hour of the visit of the person whom he expected, and who, in fact, had arrived. And I was not to return until that time. It was, as nearly as I can determine, about eleven o'clock of the night when I went down the steps to the wine-cellar."

The man remained silent a moment as if in some contemplation. Finally he continued:

"An unfortunate accident occurred. In rising from a bin over which I had been stooped, the candle touched a wisp of straw hanging from above and immediately the dried-out, half-rotten wood of the beamed ceiling flashed into flame."

"He paused again."

"It was appalling, but I did not lose my sense of necessity. I undertook to put the fire out. I made a desperate effort against it, there in that underground cell, for I knew the ceiling took fire. The place filled with smoke. It became very nearly impossible to breathe, but I did not give up the fight against the fire. Finally when I was blinded, choked and very nearly unconscious, I broke open the door leading from the basement of the house and ran out into the street. It seemed, that I should never breathe, and I continued to run."

"You know what followed. I was taken up by one of the Metropolitan police; the burning house was entered, and Lord Winton brought out. He was dead! The small blade of a knife had been driven into his body low down on the right side. The wound, ranging upward, was deep. It had severed a vital artery."

"The final installment of this thrilling mystery will appear in our next issue."

## Give Teacher Hornets' Nest; Sings Are Many

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Jan. 5.—With motives unknown John Hiler, 11, and Andrew, Graham, 12, Sewickley Heights, took a hornet's nest while on their way to school and presented the nest to Miss Alvina Pratt, the teacher.

Miss Pratt extolled the ingenuity, energy and patience and workmanship of the hornets and hung the nest above the blackboard.

Soon the heat of the room thawed out the occupants, and they descended on the teacher.

Miss Pratt was stung many times, as were several of the pupils. School night in the neighborhood of Covent